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PECEIVEL JAN 0 8 2004 TECH CENTER 1600/2900 In re the Application of: Beigelman et al. Group Art Unit: 1623 Serial No: 10/043,951 **Examiner:** Patrick Lewis Filed: January 11, 2002 For: Methods for Synthesizing **Nucleosides**, Nucleoside Derivatives and Non-Nucleoside Derivatives

RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION MAILED AUGUST 22, 2003

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action Mailed August 22, 2003, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the patent application identified above in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.